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Nirbhaya Fund
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government administers Nirbhaya Fund for empowerment, safety and security of women and girl children. If so, the funds allocated thereunder including its corpus along with the schemes/programmes finalized thereunder;
(b) the details of project proposals of various Ministries and States/UTs received and approved and funds provided thereunder since inception of this Fund;
(c) whether the Government has not been able to properly utilize the Nirbhaya Fund and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
(d) whether the Government has also approved a scheme for One Stop Centre for Women affected by violence under the said fund, if so, the details thereof indicating the funds provided/released to States/UTs for setting up of such centres along with the implementation status thereof, State/UT-wise;
(e) whether discrepancies/irregularities have been reported in the utilization of funds and functioning of such centres, if so, the details thereof; and
(f) the guidelines/mechanism put in place by the Government for judicious utilization of Nirbhaya Fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Finance, Government of India has set up a dedicated fund called Nirbhaya Fund amounting to Rs.3000 crore for implementation of initiatives aimed at enhancing the safety and security for women in the country.

Year-wise details of allocation are as under :
Year Allocation
2013-14 Rs.1,000 crore
2014-15 Rs.1,000 crore
2015-16 Rs.1,000 crore

The details of proposals appraised and recommended under Nirbhaya Funds are as under:

Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) :
i) One Stop Centre with total project cost of Rs. 18.58 crore
ii) Universalisation of Women Helpline with Rs. 69.49 crore.

Ministry of Home Affairs:
i) Creation of Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF) for supporting the States/UT Administrations for implementation of Victim Compensation Scheme of Rs. 200.00 Crore.
ii) Creation of Investigative Units for Crime against Women (IUCAW) in all police districts of the country of Rs. 324.00 Crore

(c) The proposals are processed on priority as and when received from the other Ministries/Department and States/UTs.

(d) Yes, One Stop Centre scheme has been approved which is being implemented since 1.04.2015. The project cost for the remaining period of the 12th Five Year Plan i.e. 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 18.58 crore including construction cost. There are 33 proposals of States/UTs have been received. Out of these, funds amounting to Rs. 10.71 crore have been released for 31 States/UTs. The details indicating the funds provided/released to States/UTs is at Annexure I.
(e) No.

(f) Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs have set up a Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development with Secretaries of Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Department of Electronics & IT, Chairman, Railway Board and representative of Department of Economic Affairs as members for appraising and approving various schemes/project proposals proposed by the Ministries/Departments to be funded from the Nirbhaya Fund.
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